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## 2018 SMALL GRAINS SUMMARY

**Charleston, West Virginia - Winter wheat** production for 2018 totaled 138,000 bushels, down 50 percent from 276,000 bushels in 2017. Area harvested for grain totaled 3,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2017. Area planted totaled 7,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. The average yield of 46.0 bushels per acre was down 23 bushels per acre from the previous year.

**United States - All wheat** production totaled 1.88 billion bushels in 2018, up 8 percent from the revised 2017 total of 1.74 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 39.6 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2017 by type were: winter wheat, 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 623 million bushels, up 50 percent; and Durum wheat, 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent.

**Oat** production was estimated at 56.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2017. Yield was estimated at 64.9 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 865,000 acres, was 8 percent above last year.

**Barley** production was estimated at 153 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2017 total of 142 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.4 bushels, was up 4.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.54 million acres in 2018, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.98 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2017.